B. Prematric Scholarship for OBCs

1.	Andhra Pradesh	325.00
2.	Tripura	100.00

C. Postmatric scholarship for OBC students for studies in India

1.	Andhra Pradesh	217.00
2.	Tripura	3.00

Fraudulent Methods used by Employees of PWB

1919. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL, JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some employees of Punjab Wakf Board had misused the scheme of 10 per cent incentive by submitting cheques of lakhs of rupees which were later dishonoured; and

(b) whether lakhs of rupees were cornered by such employees by way of fraudulent methods; and

(c) if so, the action taken against such employees, so far, to recover the amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL, JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The Punjab Wakf Board had decided to provide 10% incentive of the revenue collected about the target with a View to boost revenue collection. During 1996-97, 48 Officers got this benefit. However, this scheme was discontinued during 1997-98. Cheques amounting to Rs. 16,50,833.50 were dishonored but the above amount was received and credited on 9.7.1997. The scheme was not misused.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Institutes/Organisations for Welfare of Old Persons

1920. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL, JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the list of Government institutes/organisations associated with the welfare of old persons indicating location, kind of job, achievements made so far and future plans;

(b) the major thrust area identified for implementation during Ninth Plan, allocation and achievements made so far;

(c) the list of Old Age Homes, assistance provided by Government during last two financial years, State-wise; and

(d) the specific action plan, if any, for the welfare of elderly citizens in the North-Eastern region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL, JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) A statement-I is annexed. (*See* below).

(b) A statement-II is annexed. (*See* below).

(c) The list of Voluntary Organisations (NGOs) to whom assistance has been provided by the Government for establishment and maintenance of Old Age Homes, state-wise, during the last two financial years is available in Annual Reports of respective years of this Ministry. However, a statement (marked Statement-III) giving total number of Homes established and the assistance provided by the Government during the last two years, state-wise is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below).

(d) There is no specific action plan for the welfare of elderly citizens in the North Eastern region. However, under the scheme "An Integrated Programme for Older Persons', one of the eligibility conditions for the organizations seeking grant-in-aid is that they should have been registered under the relevant Act for a period of atleast two years. But, this condition is not applicable in case of organizations working in North Eastern States. Also, preferential treatment is accorded to proposals received from North Eastern States so that at least 10% of the budget allocation is spent on this region.

Statement-I

Sl. No.	Name of the Government Institute/Organization and its location	Kind of job	Achievements	Future Plans
1.	National Institute of social Defence (NISD), West Block 1, Wing-7, Ground Floor, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066	To provide inputs to the Ministry in formulation of policies and to conduct training	Since February 1999, the Institute has conducted 11 Training/ Consultation Programmes for the welfare	NISD proposes to develop trained manpower who, in turn will conduct nation wide out reach programmes in the country for care of elderly. Accordingly, NISD plans to conduct a 2 week training Course for 30 Master trainers, 5 each from North, sourth, East, West, Central and North East Regions and 12 three monthly Certificate Courses on care of Older Persons in different regions of the Country during 2000-2001.
2.	National Council for Older Persons (NCOP), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Shastri Bhavan New Delhi-110001	To perationalise National Policy on Older Persons, formulated in January 1999	AADHAR, the Secretariat of NCOP, as part of its activities, has received 717 representations/complaints/ grievances of older persons out of which 657 have been processed and the remaining 60 are under process.	Apart from receiveing and taking following up action on representation/complaints/grievances of older persons, AADHAR proposes to set up a national wide voluntary network to strive for the welfare of older persons.

Statement-II

The major thrust areas identified by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for the Welfare of Older Persons for implementation during Ninth Plan were as follows:—

(i) Making Policy Statement of Olders Persons

(ii) Review and revision of ongoing Scheme of the Ministry for Welfare of Older Persons

(iii) Developing trained manpower to take care of Older Persons in the Community itself.

Achievement made so far are as follows:—

(i) A National Policy on Older Persons was announced by the Government in January, 1999.

(ii) Both the ongoing schemes of the Ministry namely "Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for programmes relating to Aged" and "Scheme of Assistance to Panchayati Raj Institutions/ Voluntary Organisations for construction of Old Age Homes/Self Help Groups" were reviewed, revised and made more flexible so as to meet the diverse needs of Older Persons. These have been given new nomenclatures also. These are "An Integrated Programmes for Older Persons" and "Scheme of Assistance to Panchayati Raj Institutions/Voluntary Organisation/Self Help Groups for Construction of Old Age Home/Multi Service Centres for Older Persons" respectively.

(iii) National Institute of Social Defence (NISD) has started a six-month course on 'Home Care for Elderly Disabled Persons' in August, 1999 to train young persons and family members to equip them with theoretical and practical knowledge, skills and attitude, necessary for giving care to the aged elderly disabled persons. The course will help to prepare a cadre of Geriatric Animators to render comprehensive care to the aged in their homes and in the community, at the optimum level.

Allocation:—

(i) The Ninth Plan allocation for the scheme "An Integrated Programme for Older Persons" is Rs. 54.90 crores out of which Rs. 23.06 crores has been spent so far.

(ii) The Ninth Plan allocation for NISD is Rs. 5.60 crores which includes allocation for training of manpower for care of elderly also.

Statement-III

List of Old age Homes and assistance provided by Govt. to them during 1997-98 and 1998-99

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the State/Union Territory	Number of Old Age Homes for which financial assistance was provided to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)		Amount released	
		1997-98	1998-99	1997-98	1998-99
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	57	69	190.35	155.732
2.	Assam	2	5	4.57	41.092
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0
4.	Bihar	1	1	2.15	1.076
5.	Gujarat	1	1	2.15	2.152
6.	Goa	0	0	0	0
7.	Haryana	7	5	17.59	29.96
8.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	0	1	0	1.110
10.	Karnataka	8	7	15.94	14.366
11.	Kerala	3	5	10.23	17.50
12.	Maharashtra	0	1	0	2.012
13.	Madhya Pradesh	3	1	4.64	1.720
14.	Manipur	7	13	7.36	24.067
15.	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0
16.	Mizoram	0	0	0	0
17.	Nagaland	0	0	0	0
18.	Orissa	16	30	43.06	103.441
19.	Punjab	1	5	10.00	23.099
20.	Rajasthan	1	1	2.50	5.00
21.	Sikkim	0	0	0	0
22.	Tamil Nadu	19	21	54.43	71.387
23.	Tripura	2	2	9.93	15.123
24.	Uttar Pradesh	22	16	60.04	62.607
25.	West Bengal	18	29	45.49	95.676
26.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0	0
27.	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0
28.	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0
29.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0
30.	Delhi	0	0	0	0
31.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0
32.	Pondicherry	1	3	3.05	11.081
	TOTAL:	169	216	483.48	678.201